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COMPONENT 1 - IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES

Result 1.1: Partner CSOs, Professional Organizations, and Government Partners Launch Strategic Communication Campaigns That Effectively Deliver Priority Access to Justice Messages to Targeted Vulnerable Populations

A2J and IREX held the second training of a series on “Effective Tools for Information Dissemination; Use of Traditional and New Media for Awareness Campaigns.” The three-day course on “Market Research Plans,” was held March 4–6 at the Van Royal Hotel in Erbil. The 13 participants represented the Kurdish Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (KMOLSA), the Legal Magazine of the Kurdish Ministry of Justice, the Kurdistan Bar Association (KBA), and A2J grantee NGOs. During interactive sessions, the participants were introduced to general principles of statistics and sampling, preparation of questionnaires, statistical data and the data analysis program SPSS, analysis of statistical data, and analysis of aggregated research. Participants learned how to apply their new skills by using numbers to support their reports.



Result 1.2: Improved Knowledge of Target Groups about Services/Entitlements Offered by the Government and Civil Society

The deadline for proposal submissions to the RFP media campaign on marriage registration is March 22.

Result 1.4: Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementing Partner Public Awareness Campaigns

On March 4, Component 1 conducted a monitoring visit to a legal awareness workshop organized by Woman Empowerment Organization (WEO) for widows and divorced women in Erbil. The 16 participating women already had cases registered with the WEO legal clinic, and most of the cases were related to lack of ID and marriage registration certificates. The participants were provided with detailed information on the process to obtain IDs and marriage certifications from the courts.



C1 visited the Legal Clinic at the University of Salahaddin in Erbil and provided a presentation on USAID Branding and Marking guidelines, a draft work plan design, and USAID and A2J logos that will be used on all communication products.

C1 provided feedback on the draft poster and brochure designs from Iraqi Alliance of Disability (IADO).

Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
1	Iraqi Al-Mortaqa Foundation for Human Development	8 Banners	8 Banners	N/A	4
2	Fatema House Charity Women	5 Banners 1000 Brochure (100) 2000 Plastic Bags with Advertising (Contribution)	5 Banners 11125 Brochures (73) 2000 Plastic Bags with Ads (Contribution)	0	49 (4)
3	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	5250 Brochures 2650 Posters	5250 Brochures (125) 2650 Posters (60)	60 Radio Adv. 60 TV Adv.	40
4	Al-Malak Human Organization	2000 Posters 3000 Booklets 3 Banners 6000 Adv. in Magazine	2000 Posters 3000 Booklets (200) 3 Banners 4300 Adv. in Magazine (300)	16 Live Radio Programs (2)	16
5	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1
6	Women Empowerment Organization	2 Banner Brochure 1000	2 Banner Brochure 334 (120)	10 Live Radio Programs TV Ad. 1	44 (1)
7	Salam Al-Rafidain Organization	26 Banners 1500 Business Cards	26 Banners 1425 Business Cards (55)	N/A	20
8	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	300 Handbooks 10 Banners 3000 Brochures	300 Handbooks (5) 10 Banners 2850 Brochures (200)	TV: 1 Web: 1	8 (2)
9	Al-Shabk Women Association	5000 Posters 4000 Brochures Announcement in the Al-Yaqeen newspaper about the project	5000 Posters 4000 Brochures	8 Radio Advertisements (2) Web: 1	8
10	Kurdish Human Rights Watch	4000 Booklets 6 Banners	4000 Booklets (500) 6 Banners	Web: 2 Adv. Radio: 6	6
11	Soran Association for the Care of the Handicapped (SACH)	1000 Posters	900 Posters (100)	1 Radio Adv. 6 Live Radio Programs	3

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
12	Iraq Al Amal Association	2000 Brochures	1900 Brochures (100)	12 Live Radio Programs (1)	5
		14 Banners	14 Banners		
13	Women For Justice		n/a	n/a	n/a
14	Baghdad Law School		n/a	n/a	n/a

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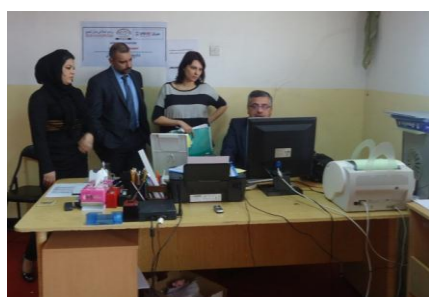
COMPONENT 2 - IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

Result 2.1: Support Iraqi NGOs Working in Priority Access to Justice Areas to Improve their Administrative and Substantive Capacity to Support Vulnerable Populations

A2J completed a site visit to Fatema House's legal clinic for women in Sadr City. The clinic provides services primarily to women (widows, divorcees, and heads of household) on issues related to inheritance, child custody, paternity, and marriage and divorce certifications. To date, the clinic has received a total of 371 cases, 314 of which are women. Sixty-two cases requiring legal representation have been completed. There have been 247 cases on obtaining IDs, 34 cases on inheritance, 37 cases on marriage registration, 24 cases on guardianship, and fewer cases involving custody, divorce, and alimony.



A2J conducted a site visit to Al-Amal Organization, Kirkuk. The office has received 188 cases since October, 56 being legal consultations and 16 being legal representation. Two of the legal representation cases have been completed. Women seeking social services accounted for 116 cases. The A2J team provided technical assistance on ways to improve outreach so that Al-Amal can meet their targets for beneficiaries assisted.



A2J completed a site visit to KHRW legal clinic in Ainkawa in Erbil. The KHRW Ainkawa clinic assists IDPs. Verifiable records show the clinic has worked on 254 cases of which 32 were for legal representations.



A2J completed a site visit to Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped (SACH). SACH is providing services to people with disabilities and women, primarily widows and domestic violence victims. Verifiable records show that SACH completed 199 cases, 99 for legal consultation and 26 for legal representation.

A2J conducted a site visit to WEO in Erbil. WEO is providing legal assistance to widows through a mobile team and a legal clinic. Verifiable records show that WEO completed 124 cases; 95 cases were for legal consultation and 29 were for legal representation.

**Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups
Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)**

#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
1	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Najaf Center	Najaf	Women	77(6)	242(13)	143(11)
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	125(8)	130(14)	81(0)
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0		373(10)
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	103(0)	332(0)	114(0)
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	73 (4)	81(7)	49(1)
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129(0)	136(0)	114(0)
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	216(17)	270(16)	32(0)
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	215(0)	97(0)	19 (0)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	105(6)	77(8)	32(4)
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	174(5)	129(4)	58(4)
11	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women	314(33)	238(115)	17(0)
13	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	28(5)	46(14)	25(7)

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Success Story

S.S. was abandoned by her husband and had no means of support. She heard about the Al-Rahma Association legal clinic and sought their assistance in getting her postponed dowry. Al-Rahma Association's lawyer received a power of attorney and was successful in securing a judgment in S.S.'s favor. The lawyer then went to the Karrada Execution Office and got a warrant issued against the husband to pay the postponed dowry. The husband reached a compromise to pay the dowry, which S.S. gladly accepted.



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Result 2.2: Work with Iraqi Legal Professional Associations (Primarily the IBA and Jurist Union and their Subsidiaries) to Increase Administrative and Substantive Capacity for Empowering Lawyers and Other Legal Professionals to Assist Vulnerable or Disadvantaged Populations

A2J sponsored a roundtable between the IBA and KBA on March 2nd in Erbil, which resulted in a signed agreement between the IBA, KBA and A2J to significantly strengthen ties between the two associations in a number of areas. An agreement to promote volunteerism and unify curriculum for the Lawyer's Training Institutes in Baghdad and Erbil was one important outcome. A2J will provide technical assistance in preparing a course for the institutes on *pro bono* representation to assist vulnerable groups. The two associations also agreed to establish a Human Rights Committee in each Bar to receive complaints of human rights violations and provide *pro bono* representation. They further agreed to begin holding Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses on *pro bono* representation, unify their Codes of Professional Conduct, and add Ethics to law school curriculum.



٣. إقامة دورات تدريبية للمحامين على العمل التطوعي وتقديم جوائز ومكافآت لهؤلاء المحامين.
٤. تفعيل النصوص الخاصة بالمعونة القضائية.
٥. تفعيل صندوق التفاتات المؤقتة المنصوص عليها في قانون الاحوال الشخصية وقرار مجلس قيادة الثورة المنحل رقم ٢٥٣ لسنة ١٩٨٠.

ثالثاً: توحيد آداب وممارسة مهنة المحاماة

١. تشكيل لجنة لدراسة تعليمات سلوك وأداب مهنة المحاماة للقائمين وتوجيهها في نهاية الامر.
٢. تدريس قواعد قانون المحاماة في كليات القانون في العراق.
٣. التوصية على إلغاء امر سلطة الائتلاف (السلطة) الخاصة بالسماح للموظفين الحكوميين بالتراجع في الدعاوى لدوائرهم.

رابعاً: توحيد حصصات المحامي المكفولة بموجب القانون بين التقنيين

١. اعداد اتفاقية مسئلة بخصوص عدم توقيف المحامي الا بعد موافقة التقنيين.
٢. تتولى لجنة دراسة آداب مهنة المحاماة المقترح تشكيلها بموجب (الفترة الاولى) ثلاثاً) لاعاد مسودة المذكرة لغرض اعتمادها.

كتب المحضر بثلاث نسخ و وقع بتاريخه بما تم الاتفاق عليه، تسلم كل طرف نسخة منه.

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

محضر اجتماع

الجمعية المصانف ٢ آذار ٢٠١٢.
قنصل اربيل الدولي - اربيل - العراق.

بناء على الدعوة الموجهة من قبل برنامج العدالة في متناول الجميع لحد برامج الوكالة الامريكية للتنمية (USAID) الى كل من نقابة المحامين العراقيين ونقابة محامين كردستان العراق، اجتمع اليوم في قنصل اربيل الدولي وفي التقنيين للتداول ومناقشة اجندة الاجتماع من اجل الوصول الى حلول في المواضيع المدرجة فيها خدمة للمحامي العراقي ومهنة المحاماة في وقت واحد، اضافة الى الاتفاقيات السابقة بين التقنيين (اتفاقية جنيف ٢٠٠٧ واتفاقية اربيل ٢٠١١ وما ورد فيها) فكان الاتفاق على ما يلي:

اولاً: الزاوية الانتماء

١. الاتفاق على تعديل الحد الاعلى للعمر في قانون التقنيين المتعلقة بالانتماء الجديد على ان يكون الجواب على العمر الموحد للانتماء في الاسبوع الثاني من شهر نيسان لعام ٢٠١٢.
٢. العمل على ايجاد قاعدة بيانات متبادلة.
٣. تبادل المعلومات بين التقنيين المتعلقة بالعقوبات والانتماءات.
٤. مراجعة الشكليات في الانتماء الى التقنيين من غير شرط العمر.
٥. الاتفاق على ايجاد نظام داخلي ومناهج دراسية موحدة لمعهد المحاماة لكلا التقنيين.
٦. بتكامل برنامج العدالة في متناول الجميع باعداد مادة تدريبية للعمل التطوعي لحماية الفئات الضعيفة تدرج ضمن المناهج الدراسية المشتركة بين التقنيين.

ثانياً: العمل التطوعي

١. الاتفاق على انشاء لجنة لحقوق الانسان في كل من التقنيين لغرض تلقي طلبات الفئات الضعيفة لاجل حماية حقوقها وايجاد من يتوكل عنهم في الدعاوى.
٢. نشر ثقافة العمل التطوعي بين المحامين واضافتها الى المناهج الدراسية في معهد المحاماة.

Result 2.3: Assist the IBA and Other Legal Associations to “Increase the Supply of Lawyers” Assisting Vulnerable or Disadvantaged Populations through Initiatives such as CLE for Lawyers, Pre-service Orientation Training for New Lawyers, and Targeted Training on Assisting Vulnerable Groups

**Weekly Update of Training to Lawyers
 Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)**

#	Grantee	Focus of Lawyer Training	# of Training Sessions	# of Trainees
1	Kurdistan Bar Association	Legal Service Provision to Vulnerable Populations	5	125
2	Iraqi Bar Association	Human Rights Awareness	9	590

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Result 2.4: Support Development of Programs and Modernization of Academic and Practical Curriculum Related to Extending Access to Justice to Vulnerable Populations at Law Schools in Iraqi Universities in Key Locations throughout Iraq

On March 5th, after a discussion with the A2J team, the Dean of Dhi-Qar University Law School in Nasiriyah decided to apply for a grant from A2J to establish a legal clinic in the near future.



**Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups
 Provided by Access to Justice Law School Partners (Cumulative)**

#	Grantee	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Legal Cases	# of Students Participating (Current or Completed) in the Legal Clinic	# of Courses Relevant to Legal Clinical Education	# of Students in Legal Clinical Education Courses
1	Salahaddin Law School (Erbil)	Various	9	80	3	41
2	Baghdad Law School	Various	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	Basrah Law School	Various	Not Started Yet	Not Started Yet	Not Started Yet	Not Started Yet

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COMPONENT 3 – ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Result 3.1: Support Partners in Reviewing Processes and Procedures for Reform of Policies, Regulations, and Legislation as they Relate to Vulnerable Populations.

Component 3 drafted model arguments for the IBA's consideration in their advocacy-in-moot court event on disabilities. The event is a demonstration event to draw attention to the acute need for a statute on disabilities rights. Due to travel difficulties expected with the Arab League Summit in Baghdad at the end of March, the IBA event has been rescheduled from March 28 until late April or the first week in May.

C3 secured the participation of officials from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Third Roundtable on Identity Issues, scheduled for March 15th.

The ERO is working with the Kurdish Human Rights Watch (KHRW) to develop the strategy for the April 18 roundtable on IDP residency issues in the Kurdish Region (KRG). The A2J Grant Evaluation Committee conditionally approved a grant to KHRW for an IDP assessment report.

Result 3.2: Coalitions, Hotlines, or Other Positive Linkages to Support Government Efforts to Improve Legal Frameworks for Vulnerable Populations

The ERO is working with an NGO to develop a grant proposal aimed at identifying existing hotlines in the KRG, determining how well they are accepted by the public, current volume of calls, and their effectiveness in providing referrals and services. The information will be used to develop a strategy to incorporate hotlines as a tool for vulnerable populations to secure their rights.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

A2J received approval from USAID for two grants: (a) Bustan Association for Children's Protection Education to increase awareness of rights and remedies among children, youth, and widows living in difficult circumstances in Basrah and Maysan for a six month period, in the amount of US\$63,963; and (b) Warvin Foundation for Women's Issues to increase awareness among women of their legal rights in the KRG for one year, in the amount of US\$100,000.

Grant Agreements are being followed-up for signature for the IBA, Aswat Al Iraq, Baghdad Women's Association and HATAW. Preparations are also underway for the 2nd Quarterly Partners' Meeting scheduled for April 22-24.

Calendar of Activities

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 25	26	27	28	29	March 1	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Grants Kick-Off meeting, Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Grantee Training on Financial Management, Procurement, Reporting and Personnel Policies, Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Grantee Training on Financial Management, Procurement, Reporting and Personnel Policies, Erbil Jessup Moot Court Practice Rounds in Baghdad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Grantee Training on Financial Management, Procurement, Reporting and Personnel Policies, Erbil Jessup Moot Court Practice Rounds in Baghdad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Grantee Training on Financial Management, Procurement, Reporting and Personnel Policies, Erbil 		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-Day Training on Market Research Plans in cooperation with IREX in Erbil Iraqi Bar Assoc./Kurdish Bar Assoc. joint conf. in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-Day Training on Market Research Plans in cooperation with IREX in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-Day Training on Market Research Plans in cooperation with IREX in Erbil 			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Clinic Operations TOT in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Clinic Operations TOT in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Roundtable on Identity in Baghdad Legal Clinic Operations TOT in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Clinic Operations TOT in Erbil
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Clinic Operations TOT in Erbil 						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC
31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
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USAID Recommended to attend events circled in **RED**